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PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENTS OUTPERFORM TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ON 2009 MEAP

***5 of top 10 most proficient public school districts are charters; charters
outperform similar traditional districts on 13 of 15 tests; 63 charters
outperform statewide proficiency average***

Lansing, MI – An analysis of the recently-released 2009 Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test results confirms the strong academic performance of the state's public charter school students in grades 3-8.

The following are highlights from the 2009 MEAP test results:

- 5 of the top 10 public school districts in the state, based on overall proficiency on all MEAP tests, are public charter schools. Hillsdale Preparatory School (Hillsdale) is the top performing public school district in the state at 97.1% proficiency.
- The other public charters to earn top-10 school district status are Eagle Crest Charter Academy (Holland); Canton Charter Academy (Canton); Cole Academy (Lansing); South Arbor Academy (Ypsilanti) and Chandler Woods Charter Academy (Belmont).
- Students in 63 public charter schools exceeded the 82.0% statewide proficiency average on all MEAP tests, and the 22 top-performing public charter schools exceeded 90% proficiency in all subjects.
- Students in all public charter schools outperformed students in similar traditional districts* on 13 of 15 MEAP tests administered.
- Students in public charter schools have shown steady and dramatic proficiency increases from 2005 through 2009, and these current proficiency scores exceed proficiency for students in similar traditional districts.
 - 3rd Grade - Reading: 78.8% - 83.7%; MATH: 79.6%-91.7%
 - 6th Grade - Reading: 69.1% - 81.6%; MATH: 46.9%-73.9%
 - 8th Grade - Reading: 61.9% - 77.9%; MATH: 45.5%-56.1%

"We applaud our students, their parents, our dynamic teachers and those dedicated school leaders who are helping to transform and improve public education across the state. This research proves that public charter schools are meeting their promise," said Dan Quisenberry, president of the Michigan Association of Public School Academies (MAPSA).

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Additional regional highlights from the 2009 MEAP test results are as follows:

- Public charter school students in Detroit outperformed students in the Detroit Public Schools on all 16 MEAP tests administered.
- In Detroit, when comparing the 49 charter schools to the local district:
 - 71.5% of charter students were proficient in Math, compared to 62.5% proficiency for DPS students, a 14.4% advantage.
 - 74.0% of charter students were proficient in Reading, compared to 68.4% proficiency for DPS students, a 8.2% advantage.
- In Grand Rapids, when comparing the 3 charter schools to the local district:
 - 85.8% of charter students were proficient in Math, compared to 68.2% proficiency for students in GRPS; a 25.8% advantage.
 - 85.8% of charter students were proficient in Reading, compared to 68.8% proficiency for students in GRPS; a 24.7% advantage.
- In Flint, when comparing the 4 charter schools to the local district:
 - 72.8% of charter students were proficient in Math, compared to 64.4% proficiency for students in Flint Public Schools, a 13.0% advantage.
 - 72.0% of charter students were proficient in Reading, compared to 63.8% proficiency for students in Flint Public Schools, a 12.9% advantage.
- In Lansing, when comparing the 6 charter schools to the local district:
 - 70.7% of charter students were proficient in Math, compared to 69.1% proficiency for students in Lansing Public Schools, a 2.3% advantage.
 - 72.3% of charter students were proficient in Reading, compared to 74.8% proficiency for students in Lansing Public Schools, a 3.5% disadvantage.

"We are encouraged by the overall performance of our students. The primary mission of education reform is to create the type of 21st century schools in which all children can achieve. These scores indicate continued success, which must be expanded, and in that regard, we still have much work to do," said Quisenberry.

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Please [click here](#) for an easy-to-use internet resource to examine the 2009 MEAP results by county, by district and for individual schools, courtesy of the Detroit Free Press.

**The Michigan Department of Education has identified 22 local traditional school districts that have three or more charter schools within their boundaries as "similar traditional districts" for the purposes of baseline comparisons. For 2009, these comparison districts include Ann Arbor, Benton Harbor, Dearborn, Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Holland, Jackson, Lansing, Marysville, Midland, Pontiac, Port Huron, Saginaw, Southfield, Taylor, Traverse City, Warren, Wayne-Westland and Ypsilanti.*

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Top -Performing Michigan Public Charter Schools

Below are the 63 public charter schools that meet or exceed the state average proficiency on all MEAP tests, which is 82.0%.

School	City	# of Students Proficient	% of Students Proficient	Grades Served	Year Opened	Authorizer	Management Company
Hillsdale Preparatory School	Hillsdale	68	97.1%	K-8	1997	Hillsdale ISD	Choice Schools Associates
Eagle Crest Charter Academy	Holland	1074	96.7%	K-8	1997	Central Michigan University	National Heritage Academies
Canton Charter Academy	Canton	1111	95.5%	K-8	2000	Central Michigan University	National Heritage Academies
Cole Academy	Lansing	80	95.2%	K-5	1994	Central Michigan University	
South Arbor Charter Academy	Ypsilanti	1243	95.2%	K-8	1999	Central Michigan University	National Heritage Academies
Chandler Woods Charter Academy	Belmont	1014	94.9%	K-8	1999	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Cross Creek Charter Academy	Byron Center	1051	94.3%	K-8	1997	Central Michigan University	National Heritage Academies
Achieve Charter Academy	Canton	753	94.1%	K-8	2009	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academy
Holly Academy	Holly	1001	94.1%	K-8	1999	Central Michigan University	
Oakland Academy	Portage	187	94.0%	K-6	1998	Grand Valley State University	Foundation for Behavioral Resources
Black River Public School	Holland	1021	93.7%	K-12	1996	Grand Valley State University	
Martin Luther King, Jr. Education Center Academy	Detroit	370	93.0%	K-6	1995	Detroit Public Schools	
The Midland Academy of Advanced & Creative Studies	Midland	293	92.7%	K-12	1996	Central Michigan University	Midland Charter Initiative
Vanguard Charter Academy	Wyoming	1021	92.6%	K-8	1996	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Honey Creek Community School	Ann Arbor	298	92.3%	K-8	1995	Washtenaw ISD	
Concord Academy - Petoskey	Petoskey	388	91.5%	K-12	1994	Lake Superior State University	
Walker Charter Academy	Walker	994	91.5%	K-8	1997	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Chatfield School	Lapeer	647	91.4%	K-8	1997	Saginaw Valley State University	Chatfield Management Foundation
West Michigan Academy of Arts & Academics	Spring Lake	577	91.2%	K-8	1996	Grand Valley State University	Advance HR
Charyl Stockwell Academy	Howell, Hartland	980	91.0%	K-9	1996	Central Michigan University	CS Partners
Mt. Clemens Montessori Academy	Mt. Clemens	283	90.7%	PreK-5	2003	Bay Mills Community College	Helicon Associates
Walden Green Montessori	Spring Lake	308	90.6%	K-8	1994	Central Michigan University	
Woodland School	Traverse City	311	90.1%	K-8	1996	Saginaw Valley State University	AdvanceHR
Keystone Academy	Belleville	1020	89.7%	K-8	2003	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies
Grand Traverse Academy	Traverse City	1343	89.4%	K-12	2000	Lake Superior State University	Smart Schools Management
Island City Academy	Eaton Rapids	278	89.4%	K-8	1996	Central Michigan University	AdvanceHR
New Bedford Academy	Lambertville	157	89.2%	K-8	1998	Ferris State University	Helicon Associates



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Arbor Academy	Battle Creek	207	88.5%	K-6	1998	Grand Valley State University	Foundation for Behavioral Resources
Detroit Service Learning Academy	Detroit	1588	88.0%	K-8	1999	Lake Superior State University	
Huron Academy	Sterling Heights	419	88.0%	K-6	1999	Ferris State University	CS Partners
Crossroads Charter Academy	Big Rapids	697	87.5%	K-12	1998	Grand Valley State University	Woodbridge Group
Knapp Charter Academy	Grand Rapids	926	87.4%	K-8	1997	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Summit Academy	Flat Rock	539	87.4%	K-8	1996	Central Michigan University	
Byron Center Charter School	Byron Center	233	87.3%	K-12	1996	Grand Valley State University	Woodbridge Group
Creative Montessori Academy	Southgate	758	87.2%	K-8	2001	Wayne County RESA	Choice Schools Associates
American Montessori Academy	Redford	254	87.0%	3-6	2004	Bay Mills Community College	CS Partners
Saginaw Preparatory Academy	Saginaw	421	87.0%	PreK-8	1997	Saginaw Valley State University	The Leona Group
Taylor Exemplar Academy	Taylor	925	87.0%	K-6	2006	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies
Will Carleton Public School Academy	Hillsdale	281	86.7%	K-12	1998	Hillsdale ISD	Helicon Associates
Detroit Merit Charter Academy	Detroit	956	86.6%	K-8	2002	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Detroit Edison Public School Academy	Detroit	1501	86.3%	K-8	1998	Oakland University	
Fortis Academy	Ypsilanti	1039	86.2%	K-5	2004	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies
Marshall Academy	Marshall	289	86.0%	K-10	2000	Ferris State University	Helicon Associates
International Academy of Saginaw	Saginaw	152	85.9%	K-5	2007	Bay Mills Community College	SABIS Educational Systems Inc.
Star International Academy	Dearborn Heights	1361	85.7%	K-12	1998	Oakland University	Hamadeh Educational Services
Excel Charter Academy	Grand Rapids	1081	85.5%	K-8	1995	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Concord Academy - Boyne	Boyne City	190	84.8%	K-12	1995	Lake Superior State University	Lakeshore Educational Management
Countryside Academy	Benton Harbor	415	84.7%	K-12	1997	Central Michigan University	
William C. Abney Academy	Grand Rapids	414	84.7%	K-5	1998	Grand Valley State University	
Vanderbilt Charter Academy	Holland	526	84.4%	K-8	1996	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
American Montessori Academy	Livonia, Redford	371	83.7%	K-6	2004	Bay Mills Community College	CS Partners
Paramount Charter Academy	Kalamazoo	884	83.7%	K-8	1998	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies
Summit Academy North	Romulus	1555	83.7%	K-12	1998	Central Michigan University	
Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe Academy	Sault Ste. Marie	555	83.6%	K-8	1995	Northern Michigan University	
Ridge Park Charter Academy	Kentwood	774	83.4%	K-8	1998	Lake Superior State University	National Heritage Academies
Metro Charter Academy	Romulus	947	82.9%	K-8	2000	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Paragon Charter Academy	Jackson	758	82.7%	K-8	1998	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Triumph Academy	Monroe	784	82.7%	K-8	2004	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies
Windemere Park Charter Academy	Lansing	850	82.5%	K-8	1999	Grand Valley State University	National Heritage Academies
Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center	Grand Rapids	160	82.1%	K-5	2000	Grand Rapids Public Schools	
Woodmont Academy	Southfield	377	82.1%	K-6	2004	Bay Mills Community College	Visions Education Dev. Consortium LLC
Dove Academy	Detroit	438	82.0%	K-7	1997	Oakland University	Schoolhouse Services and Staffing
Hamtramck Academy	Hamtramck	556	82.0%	K-8	2003	Bay Mills Community College	National Heritage Academies

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Michigan Public Charter Schools Charters Exceed Similar Districts on 13 of 15 Tests

Math

Grade	Charters % Proficient	Similar District % Proficient
03	91.7%	90.1%
04	87.1%	85.8%
05	70.4%	68.2%
06	73.9%	69.1%
07	71.3%	68.9%

Reading

Grade	Charters % Proficient	Similar District % Proficient
03	83.7%	83.4%
04	73.8%	73.3%
05	75.5%	74.6%
06	81.6%	79.4%
07	72.1%	69.6%
08	77.9%	74.4%

Science

Grade	Charters % Proficient	Similar District % Proficient
05	67.1%	67.3%
08	61.2%	59.5%

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Social Studies

Grade	Charters % Proficient	Similar District % Proficient
06	59.1%	56.7%
09	48.7%	54.5%

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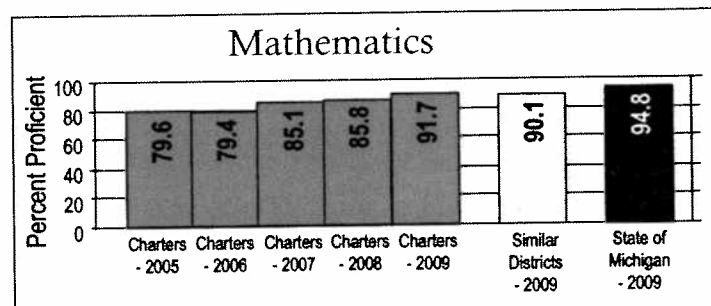
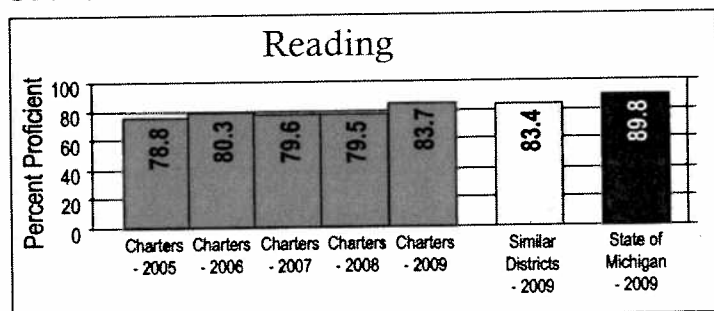
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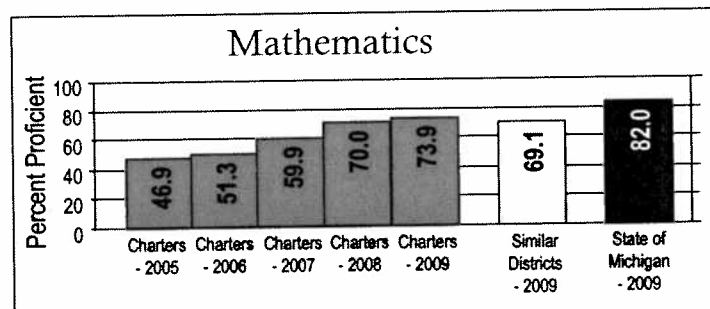
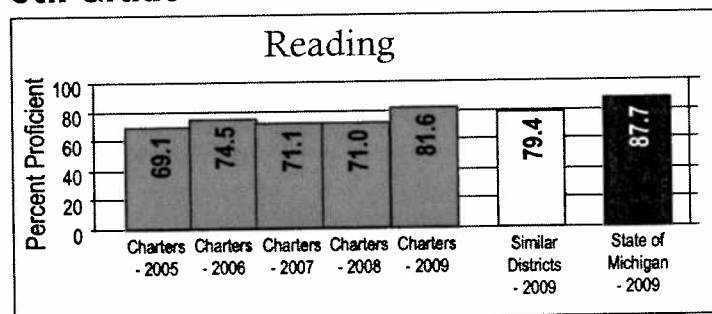
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Michigan Public Charter Schools Show Increased Proficiency Over Time & When Compared to Similar Districts

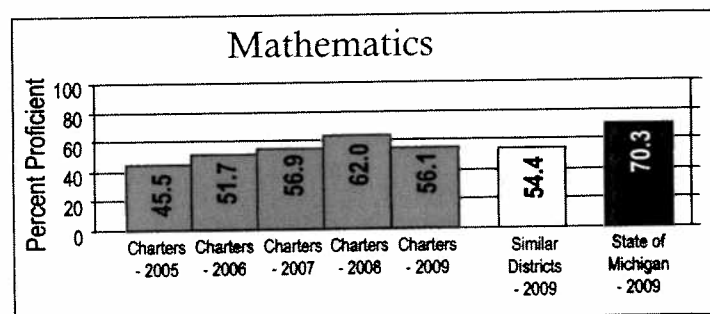
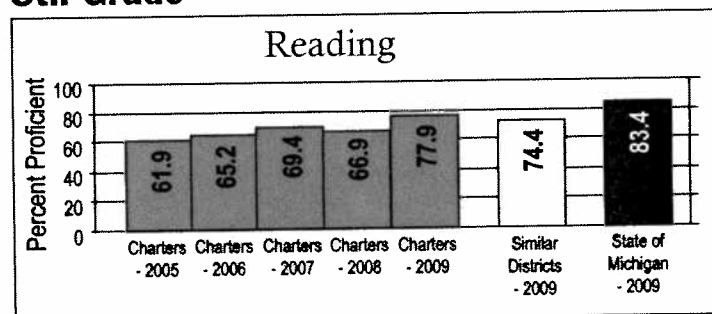
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6th Grade



8th Grade



These charts show a comparison developed by the Michigan Department of Education to assess performance of public charter schools and the comparable districts that are home to a majority of the state's charters. This year, public charter schools exceeded similar districts on 13 of 15 tests.

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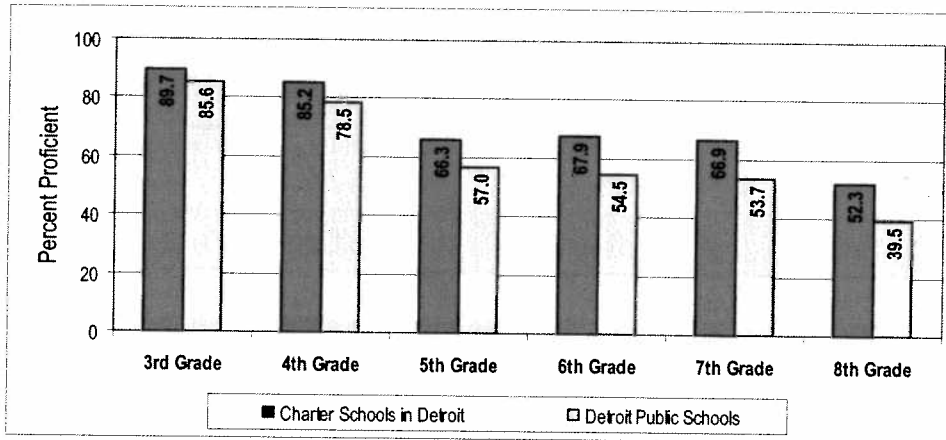
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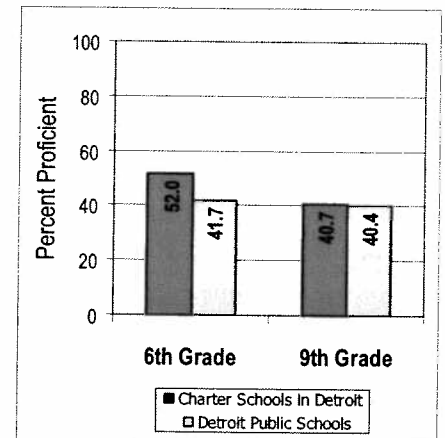
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Detroit Charters Exceed Detroit Public Schools on All 16 Tests

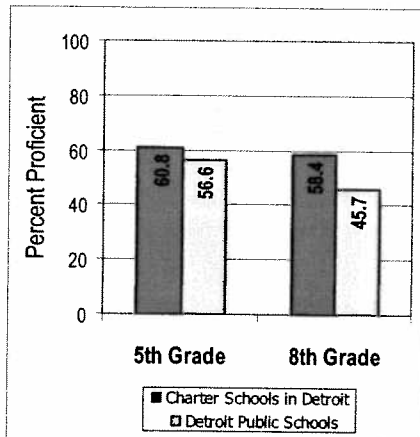
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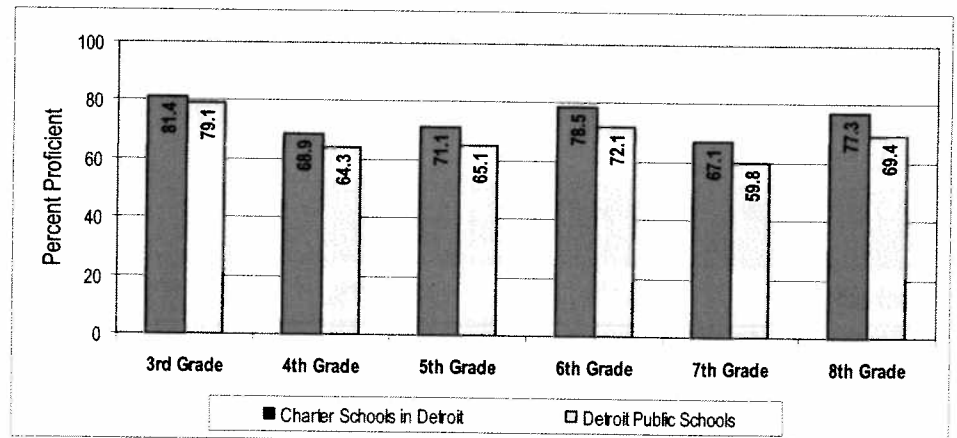
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Charters Exceed

Similar Districts in 4 Michigan Cities on 7 out of 8 Tests

Detroit

Subject	Traditional District % Proficient	Charter Schools % Proficient
Mathematics	62.5%	71.5%
Reading	68.4%	74.0%

Grand Rapids

Subject	Traditional District % Proficient	Charter Schools % Proficient
Mathematics	68.2%	85.8%
Reading	68.8%	85.8%

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Flint

Subject	Traditional District % Proficient	Charter Schools % Proficient
Mathematics	64.4%	72.8%
Reading	63.8%	72.0%

Lansing

Subject	Traditional District % Proficient	Charter Schools % Proficient
Mathematics	69.1%	70.7%
Reading	74.8%	72.3%



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